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# S. 1241

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Kate Mullany National  
5 Historic Site Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8               (1) the Kate Mullany House in Troy, New  
9       York, is listed on the National Register of Historic

1 Places and has been designated as a National His-  
2 toric Landmark;

3 (2) the National Historic Landmark Theme  
4 Study on American Labor History concluded that  
5 the Kate Mullany House appears to meet the criteria  
6 of national significance, suitability, and feasibility  
7 for inclusion in the National Park System;

8 (3) the city of Troy, New York—

9 (A) played an important role in the devel-  
10 opment of the collar and cuff industry and the  
11 iron industry in the 19th century, and in the  
12 development of early men's and women's worker  
13 and cooperative organizations; and

14 (B) was the home of the first women's  
15 labor union, led by Irish immigrant Kate  
16 Mullany;

17 (4) the city of Troy, New York, has entered  
18 into a cooperative arrangement with 6 neighboring  
19 cities, towns, and villages to create the Hudson-Mo-  
20 hawk Urban Cultural Park Commission to manage  
21 the valuable historic resources in the area, and the  
22 area within those municipalities has been designated  
23 by the State of New York as a heritage area to rep-  
24 resent industrial development and labor themes in  
25 the development of the State;

1           (5) the area, known as the “Hudson-Mohawk  
 2           Urban Cultural Park” or “RiverSpark”, has been a  
 3           pioneer in the development of partnership parks in  
 4           which intergovernmental and public and private  
 5           partnerships bring about the conservation of the  
 6           area’s heritage and the attainment of goals for pres-  
 7           ervation, education, recreation, and economic devel-  
 8           opment; and

9           (6) establishment of the Kate Mullany National  
 10          Historic Site and cooperative efforts between the  
 11          National Park Service and the Hudson-Mohawk  
 12          Urban Cultural Park Commission will—

13                (A) provide opportunities for the illustra-  
 14                tion and interpretation of important themes of  
 15                the heritage of the United States; and

16                (B) provide unique opportunities for edu-  
 17                cation, public use, and enjoyment.

18          (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

19                (1) to preserve and interpret the nationally sig-  
 20                nificant home of Kate Mullany for the benefit, inspi-  
 21                ration, and education of the people of the United  
 22                States; and

23                (2) to interpret the connection between immi-  
 24                gration and the industrialization of the United

1 States (including the history of Irish immigration,  
2 women’s history, and worker history).

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”  
6 means the Kate Mullany National Historic Site es-  
7 tablished by section 4.

8 (2) PLAN.—The term “plan” means the general  
9 management plan developed under section 6(d).

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF KATE MULLANY NATIONAL**  
13 **HISTORIC SITE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as a unit  
15 of the National Park System the Kate Mullany National  
16 Historic Site in the State of New York.

17 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The historic site shall consist of  
18 the home of Kate Mullany, comprising approximately  
19 .05739 acre, located at 350 Eighth Street in Troy, New  
20 York, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ and dated \_\_\_\_\_.

22 **SEC. 5. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.**

23 (a) REAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may acquire  
24 land and interests in land within the boundaries of the  
25 historic site and ancillary real property for parking or in-

1 terpretation, as necessary and appropriate for manage-  
 2 ment of the historic site.

3 (b) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-  
 4 quire personal property associated with, and appropriate  
 5 for, the interpretation of the historic site.

6 (c) MEANS.—An acquisition of real property or per-  
 7 sonal property may be made by donation, purchase from  
 8 a willing seller with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-  
 9 change.

10 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION OF HISTORIC SITE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
 12 the historic site in accordance with this Act and the law  
 13 generally applicable to units of the National Park System,  
 14 including—

15 (1) the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1  
 16 et seq.); and

17 (2) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461  
 18 et seq.).

19 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out  
 20 this Act, the Secretary may consult with and enter into  
 21 cooperative agreements with the State of New York, the  
 22 Hudson-Mohawk Urban Cultural Park Commission, and  
 23 other public and private entities to facilitate public under-  
 24 standing and enjoyment of the life and work of Kate  
 25 Mullany through the development, presentation, and fund-

1 ing of exhibits and other appropriate activities related to  
 2 the preservation, interpretation, and use of the historic  
 3 site and related historic resources.

4 (c) EXHIBITS.—The Secretary may display, and ac-  
 5 cept for the purposes of display, items associated with  
 6 Kate Mullany, as may be necessary for the interpretation  
 7 of the historic site.

8 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 full fiscal  
 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
 11 Secretary shall—

12 (A) develop a general management plan for  
 13 the historic site; and

14 (B) submit the plan to the Committee on  
 15 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate  
 16 and the Committee on Resources of the House  
 17 of Representatives.

18 (2) CONTENTS.—The plan shall include rec-  
 19 ommendations for regional wayside exhibits to be  
 20 carried out through cooperative agreements with the  
 21 State of New York and other public and private en-  
 22 tities.

1           (3) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan shall be pre-  
2       pared in accordance with section 12(b) of the Act of  
3       August 18, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)).

